Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems

Goal: Children living in Arkansas are healthy and ready to learn

Early Care and Education Logic Model

Primary Issue: Many young children are not receiving the quality early childhood experiences needed to succeed in school.

Major Goals:

- Young children will have access to quality child care programs
- Families of children will have knowledge of high quality early education
- Early educators will have access to systems that support their ability to provide services to all children

Major Activities:

- Implement a statewide Quality Rating System for child care programs
- Implement a Public Education Campaign that will create a demand for high quality child care programs
- Identify and approve curricula for child care programs
- Assure consistent funding is available to support early education goals
- Improve tracking system of professional development

Programs:

Quality Rating Scale Initiative

Quality Counts Public Relations campaign

Early Childhood Health Initiative

Curriculum Review Program

Arkansas Strengthening Families Initiative

AECPDS (professional development) Evaluation

Economic Impact Study

Expansion Project for Public Pre-K

ABC Longitudinal Study

CDA Scholarship Program

NAEYC Associate Degree Program

Responsible Parties:

Quality Rating Scale Workgroup

Quality Rating Scale Advisory Group

Quality Counts PR campaign committee

Curriculum Review Committee

Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Health

Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Arkansas Department of Education

Child Care Bureau

Arkansas Early Childhood Association

Participating Colleges